

Transient Accommodations Program

Facts and figures about the Transient Accommodation Program:



There are approximately 1700 licensed TAs in Washington State.



The program receives approximately 100 complaints each year.



In 2003, 2 escalated enforcement actions were taken against TAs not meeting minimal public health and safety standards.



In 2003, 767 inspections were completed.



The program has 5.6 full time equivalents staffing level and an annual budget of \$500,000.



The program is a totally fee-supported program per RCW 43.70.250. No program revenue comes from the State General Fund.

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Fact Sheet

What is a Transient Accommodation (TA)?

A TA is a facility offering 3 or more lodging units to travelers and transient guests for periods of less than one month or 30 days. Examples are: motels, hotels, bed and breakfast establishments, rustic resorts, hostels, shelters.

What is the purpose of the TA Program?

It is the responsibility of the department to promote the protection of those using these facilities by enforcing the minimum public health and safety standards adopted by the State Board of Health. The department issues a license to those who comply with the standards, assist those who are not in compliance to make any needed corrections and takes action against those who do not comply with the standards.

What is the statutory authority for the TA Program?

Chapter 70.62 Revised Code of Washington is the state law authorizing the regulation of transient accommodations. Chapter 246-360 Washington Administrative Code provides the regulations (standards) for transient accommodations. The program is currently working with stakeholders on updating the minimum public health and safety requirements. When available, the proposed revisions will be posted on <http://www3.doh.wa.gov/policyreview> and comments will be welcomed.

How can you contact the TA Program?

- ❖ By phone at 1-800-771-1204
- ❖ By fax at (360) 236-2901
- ❖ By email at fslarcs@doh.wa.gov
- ❖ For more information, please visit our website at <http://www.doh.wa.gov/hsqa/fsl/ta.htm>

How can you report a complaint about a TA facility?

The Complaint Hotline phone number is 1-800-633-6828. This is a message phone only. All complaints regarding violations of the law or regulations (standards) will be addressed and acknowledgments will be provided to complainants by the department.